



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1038

LCO No. 3858



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SURGERY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-9 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) No person shall, for compensation, gain or reward, received or
5 expected, diagnose, treat, operate for or prescribe for any injury,
6 deformity, ailment or disease, actual or imaginary, of another person,
7 nor practice surgery, until [he] such person has obtained such a license
8 as provided in section 20-10, and then only in the kind or branch of
9 practice stated in such license. For purposes of this section, "surgery"
10 means the structural alteration of the human body by an incision of
11 tissue for the purpose of diagnostic or therapeutic treatment of
12 conditions or disease using any instrument causing localized alteration
13 or transposition of live human tissue, but does not include procedures
14 for the removal of superficial foreign bodies from the human body,
15 punctures, injections, dry needling, acupuncture, the removal of dead
16 tissue or the scraping or brushing of live tissue where such removal,

- 17 scraping or brushing is accomplished without an incision causing
18 localized alteration or transposition of live human tissue.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	20-9(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To define surgery for purposes of the practice of medicine or surgery under licenses issued by the Department of Public Health.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]